

In The Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An air vent for a vehicle air ventilation system comprising: an air inlet; an air outlet; [[and]] a screen located at the air outlet, the screen being moveable from a closed condition in which air flow through the outlet is impeded to an open condition allowing air flow through the outlet, characterized by with said screen having at least one aperture in the screen permitting some air flow through the screen when the screen is in its closed condition; an air flow control valve located at the air inlet; and, a control actuator located at the air outlet, the control actuator being coupled to the air flow control valve and screen so that after a predetermined movement of the control actuator, further movement causes movement of the screen from a closed to an open condition.

2. (Original) The air vent according to claim 1, wherein the screen comprises a plurality of slats.

3. (Original) The air vent according to claim 2, wherein in the closed condition the edge of each slat is in contact with, or close proximity to, the edge of an adjacent slat.

4. (Original) The air vent according to claim 3, wherein a plurality of the slats are provided with apertures such that with the screen in the closed condition air can flow through the apertures.

5. (Original) The air vent according to claim 2, wherein the slats are individually rotatably mounted and the screen is opened by individual rotation of the slats.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The air vent according to claim [[7]] 1, wherein the control actuator is coupled to the screen through a lost motion connection.

9. (Currently Amended) The air vent according to claim [[6]] 1, wherein the air flow control valve comprises a flap valve pivotally mounted at the air inlet for rotation between open and closed positions, the flap being rotated through a lever.

10. (Original) The air vent according to claim 9, wherein the lever is coupled by a pivotal link to the control actuator so that movement of the control actuator causes rotation of the flap valve.

11. (Original) The air vent according to claim 1, further comprising vanes for directional control of the air flow, the vanes being mounted at the air outlet behind the screen.

12. (Currently Amended) An [[the]] air vent for a vehicle air ventilation system, the air vent comprising an air inlet and an air outlet, an air flow control valve located at the air inlet, and a screen located at the air outlet, the screen having at least one aperture therein and being moveable from a closed condition in which air flow through the air outlet is impeded to an open condition allowing air flow through the air outlet, wherein a control actuator is coupled to the air flow control valve so that movement of the control actuator operates the air flow control valve, the control actuator being further coupled to the screen so that the screen is caused to move from a closed condition to an open condition only after a predetermined movement of the control actuator.